



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat,
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Facebook Chat Transcript

Student: hi sir good afternoon .my doubt is hi sir good afternoon .my doubt is ,is there any rule that only students with high gre and toefl scores shud apply for visa interview?
then what about students wid low gre scores in spite their acads are good.not only me sir many students will hav this doubt.is this rumor or real. will visa officer specifically check only gre and toefl score cards. please reply sir waiting for ur valuable reply.

U.S. Vice Consul: Suresh, the only requirement to apply for an F1 visa is a valid I-20 form and your passport. If you have a valid I-20, you may apply for a student visa.

Student : In the DS-160, for the staying In the DS-160, for the staying address in the U.S. I propose to provide it as "Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Rutgers-Newark" will this suffice or should I give additional details of some individual/ Office/ Residential halls in the University?

U.S. Vice Consul : please follow the clear instructions for completing the DS-160 form

Student : If a student is free to attend VI If a student is free to attend VI in any consulate, why would consular officers ask why they had applied here instead of other consulate?

Officers may wish to know why an applicant who resides near another location is applying at a different location. Answering truthfully is all that matters.

Student : Hi, I am going to the U.S. to pursue a Master's. My university suggests that as per USCIS regulations I spend no more than 18hrs of on-campus work for the first year and 40hrs during vacation. Does this mean that during my summer vacation I can begin working off-campus?

U.S. Vice Consul : Please contact USCIS to learn more about working in the U.S.
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Student: Hello sir/ma'am, If a student is good (First class marks) in his academics through out i.e. 10th, 12th, even in his engineering except his 2nd year(9 backlogs). will such student gets visa?

U.S. Vice Consul : The number of backlogs a student has is just one aspect of a student's qualifications. You must prove: 1. You're a student with a credible intent to study. 2. You have a credible plan to pay for a very expensive education without working illegally and 3. You have a present intent to return to your home country. If you feel you can prove those things, you should go ahead and apply for the visa.

Student: Very good afternoon officer's.. My name is G Viswanath Naidu.. I completed my Bachelors (ECE) in the year 2011. Since then i am applying for F1 Visa. I donno why i got rejected thrice with out mentioning any reason. My acads are 58% with 13 backlogs. I even explained that i got my black logs in very initial years. But from 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, and 4-2 i scored 65% plus in every year. Where i got distinction in my final semester i.e 72%. My gre score is 280 TOEFL is 93 and ielts is 6.0 band. Please lemme know in which area i need to improve myself. And how can you say/think that we are potential immigrants? many of them are getting rejected with this reason. We will pursue our degree and return back to india undoubtedly. We can't leave our parents alone and we can't let our family worry. But please try to understand, like me many are suffering, I even have an year experience as a network engineer.

U.S. Vice Consul : Vishwanath, individuals whose nonimmigrant visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. However, we do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous grounds for ref...

Student: Hi sir, I'm reading many visa experiences from students who have attended Hyd consulate.. No VO is asking GRE TOEFL scores.... and some students are granted VISA asking only few questions to them.. Just asking why this University? who is funding ? ok your visa is approved.. And some are getting rejected by VO. after asking same questions. Why this University? who is funding?

I have VI on June 10th.. I am not understanding what factors Visa officers are seeing in the student and approving or rejecting them.?

U.S. Vice Consul : Ramesh, every application is different. No two cases are alike. As we told Aditya, there are a few key things each student must prove. They are: 1. You're a student with a credible intent to study. 2. You have a credible plan to pay for a very expensive education without working illegally and 3. You have a present intent to return to your home country.

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